

### Amendments to the Abstract

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

--An ink jet recording apparatus, capable of preventing defective idle suction, comprises a cap movable toward/~~backward~~ away from an ejection port surface of a recording head for capping/uncapping the ejection port surface, an absorbing member chamber opened to the ejection port surface, a suction port formed through the bottom of the absorbing member chamber, an ink suction ~~means~~ device connected to the suction port, and an ink absorbing member disposed in the absorbing member chamber. In the apparatus, the absorbing member comprises a first absorbing portion covering approximately the entire region in the absorbing member chamber and a second absorbing portion in intimate contact with the suction port.--